THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following two circuits have been identified in the Western region for launching Palace-on-Wheels type tourist trains having accommodation for 104 Tourists:

(i) Delhi Cantt.-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur - Palitana - Veraval - Ahmedabad - Jaipur - Delhi Cantt. from 1st February, 1995.

(ii) Bombay - Aurangabad Nanded - Secunderabad - Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay tentatively by the close of 1996.

(c) Tariff for the 'Royal Orient' train in Gujarat Sector is US $200 per person per night. Tariff for the second tourist train has not yet been fixed. These circuits will be covered in 7 nights/8 days each. No reservation quota is allocated to the tourist stations as booking of tourists will be done by the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. for Royal Orient and by the concerned Tourist Train Operator for the other tourist train.

Amount spent by the Railways on different systems of medicine

4661. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the annual amount spent by the Railways on various systems of medicine, system of medicine-wise;

(b) what are the locations, system of medicine-wise, of the dispensaries funtioning under his Ministry State-wise;

(c) what is the category-wise number of employees working in each of those dispensaries;

(d) whether Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic doctors are getting benefits at par with the Allopathic doctors; and

(e) if not, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (e) The Railway Medical Department functions on Four Tier basis i.e. Zonal, Divisional, Sub-Divisional Hospitals and Health Units levels.

Railways have adopted allopathic system of medicines and created a Network of 122 hospitals and 670 dispensaries on the Indian Railways. However, as staff welfare measure indigenous system of medicines was also introduced under the aegis of staff benefit fund. At present, there are 113 Homoeopathic and 22 Ayurvedic dispensaries functioning on Indian Railways.

Doctors and helpers for indigenous system of medicine are engaged on part-time basis and paid fixed honorarium from Staff Benefit Fund.

Railway Hospitals and Health Units have been provided with full complements of medical and para-medical staff.

A Statement showing the availability of hospitals and dispensaries under different system of medicines Railway-wise, as also the total staff strength working in these dispensaries is enclosed. (*See* below)

During the year 1991-92 a sum of Rs. 122.82 crores were spent on allopathic system of medicines. Rs 13.06 lacs and 2.31 lacs were spent on Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic systems of medicines, respectively.

Statement

Availability of medical facilities in different system of medicines on Indian Railways

Railway	Allopathic System Hospitals	Dispensaries	Homeopathic System Dispensaries	Ayurvedic System Dispensaries	Staff Strength Medicals & Para Medical
Central . .	15	58	13	2	6570+15
Eastern . .	14	91	17	10	7972+28
Northern . .	22	88	17	1	8881+18
N.E. . . .	10	49	22	1	3259+69
N.F. . . .	10	55	9	2	4483+11
Southern . .	15	67	8	3	5225+18
S.C. . . .	6	55	2	3	4569+08
S.E. . . .	14	86	16	Nil	8042+23
Western . .	16	90	9	Nil	6280+13
TOTAL :	122	639*	113	22	55281+203

*31 Lock-up dispensaries, runon programmed basis, are also functioning under Allopathic system of medicines.

Export of coaches and wagons

4662. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for export of Railway coaches and wagons to Combodia, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Vietnam, Zimbabwe and South Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether some coaches have since been exported to these countries; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions of such Exports?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir, except from South Africa.

(b) (i) An order for 15 MG coaches to Vietnam National Railways is under execution.

(ii) A quotation for 26 AC and 66 Non-AC coaches has been submitted to Bangladesh Railways.

(iii) An offer for MG Wagons has been submitted to Tanzania Railway Corporation.

(iv) An offer for 56 coaches to National Railways of Zimbabwe is in the process of submission.

(v) A proposal for export of wagons to Combodia is under discussion with Combodian Authorities.

(c) and (d) Out of an order of 15 MG coaches from Vietnam, 5 Second Class Sleeper Coaches have since been supplied to Vietnam National Railways at a price of Rs. 36.6 lakhs each and balance 10 AC coaches at a price of Rs. 60.02 lakhs each, are likely to be despatched shortly.